



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

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For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR IDENTIFYING AND
PROCESSING CHANGES TO A NETWORK TOPOLOGY**

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

The outstanding final Office Action mailed *February 23, 2005* (Part of Paper No. 9) has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments in which claims 1-2, 5-9 and 15-20 are amended. Claims 1-3 and 5-20 are now pending in the present application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

In accordance with 37 U.S.C. 1.114, a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently with this Response To The Final Office Action so that the Office Action dated February 23, 2005 (Part of Paper No. 9) is effectively made non-final. Under 37 U.S.C. 1.114, the effect of the RCE, which makes the instant Office Action non-final, is to cause examination of the instant application to remain open. Accordingly, amendments submitted herein are to be entered as a matter of right, and *each* claim is entitled to continued examination, *particularly with respect to the responses provided herein.*